IN THE UNITED STATE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Achim MELCHING et al.

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For: CLIMATIC DEVICE, AND PROCESS FOR DEFROSTING A HEAT EXCHANGER

IN A CLIMATIC DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page two.

Amendments to the claims begin on page three.